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NAVY DECLASSIFICATION/RELEASE INSTRUCTION FILE

1953 BAREX PORT AND BEACH INFORMATION

1. Name of port Wales
2. Name of vessel USNS T-LST 618
3. Navigational Information: Lat 65°36' N, Long 168°05' W.
 - a. Approach - general description Ship approaches in a Northwesterly direction until at right tangent to Cp Wales and directly in line with the native village of Wales.
 - (1) Channel No specific channel. Open approach. (See map).
 - (2) Markings None
 - (3) Minimum Depths Ship anchored in 4 1/2 fathoms.
 - (4) Obstructions, artificial and natural None. Generally open sea with no obstructions. LST anchored in 4 fms water, 100 yds from beach.
 - b. Tides and Currents Current sweeps northward 2-3 kts approx 5 mi from beach. In close at 4 fath mark current is slight, in northwestern dir.
 - c. Pilotage - how obtained - rates None.
 - d. Anchorage - general description (See chart) Open anchorage, some protection afforded from high bluff to Eastward from the anchorage of LST.
 - e. Weather: Weather clear with mostly slight N by. winds.
 - Ice Data - Break-up and freeze-up dates No ice observed.
4. Port and Landing Facilities:
 - a. Tugs or barges - where available - rates None
 - b. Docking facilities - boat landings, etc. None
 - (1) Storage None

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(1) Local labor available

Native - Village of Wain

(2) Transportation - local means available **None on land. Native**

skin boats available.

(3) Beaches:

If landing beaches are in area, give details on "Beach Intelligence" form and attach to this report. **See charts presented to COMSOPACSUBAREA.**

(4) Supplies:

a. Water **None observed.**

b. Fuel **None**

c. Provisions **None**

d. Construction Materials **None**

(5) Communications **GAA Station KWP24**

(6) Aircraft Landing Sites -- or potential ones which could be prepared with little effort. Note lakes of sufficient size and depth for seaplane operation in summer and for ice strip in winter.

Landing strip along beach near native village.

(7) Population: White **1** Eskimo **125**

(8) Additional Remarks:

Two charts showing the beaching location, ship anchorage, and soundings information were prepared by this vessel indicating much of the information asked on this form. A limited number of copies were made.

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